

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE  
**CERTIFICATE OF CORRECTION**

PATENT NO. : 6,953,463 B2  
DATED : October 11, 2005  
INVENTOR(S) : Hugh S. West, Jr.

Page 1 of 1

It is certified that error appears in the above-identified patent and that said Letters Patent is hereby corrected as shown below:

Column 5,

Line 59, after "within a bone" remove "to".

Column 6,

Lines 34-35, after "distal tip," change "particular" to -- particularly --.

Line 54, after "discontinuous threads" insert -- ) --.

Column 7,

Line 43, after "angle less" insert -- than --.

Column 13,

Line 29, before "diameter" change "avenge" to -- average --.

Column 14,

Line 7, change "that)" to -- that, --.

Column 15,

Line 1, after "bone tunnel" insert -- , --.

Line 3, after "the proximal" change "thread" to -- threaded --.

Line 4, after "the distal" change "thread" to -- threaded --.

Line 5, before "distal threaded" insert -- the --.

Line 6, before "proximal threaded" insert -- the --.

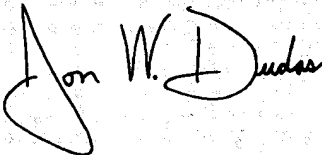
Line 6, after "threaded section" insert -- , --.

Column 16,

Line 35, before "appropriate" change "art" to -- an --.

Signed and Sealed this

Fourteenth Day of March, 2006

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Jon W. Dudas". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "J" and "D".

JON W. DUDAS  
Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office